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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PLOS, EFIN, WS
SUBJECT: WESTERN SAMOA INTRODUCES 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE
BILL

1. ACCORDING TO NOTICE OF AUGUST 5 FROM GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN SAMOA (GOWS) PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT, GOWS
"RECENTLY" INTRODUCED LEGISLATION IN PARLIAMENT (FONO)
WHICH, WHEN ENACTED, WILL EXTEND GOWS EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC
ZONE TO 200 NAUTICAL MILES. GOWS WAS ASSISTED IN DRAWING
UP LEGISLATION BY GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND (JCGCNZ) AND,
LIKE GNZ LEGISLATION IT PATTERNED AFTER, BILL IS DESIGNED
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TO COME INTO FORCE AT AN UNSPECIFIED LATER DATE IN CON-
JUNCTION WITH OTHER PACIFIC STATES. THIS WILL LIKELY FOL-
LOW DISCUSSIONS AND COORDINATION AT SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM
MEETING LATER THIS MONTH.

2. LEGISLATION REPORTEDLY WILL: (A) GIVE GOWS SOVEREIGN
RIGHTS OVER EXPLORATION, EXPLOITATION, CONSERVATION AND

MANAGEMENT OF ALL RESOURCES IN 200 MILE ZONE; (B) AUTHO-
RIZE GOWS MINISTER OF FISHERIES TO ISSUE LICENSES TO
FOREIGN FISHING CRAFT AND RESTRICT TYPES, TIMES AND
METHODS OF FISHING; (C) PERMIT GOWS SURVEILLANCE OF
FOREIGN FISHING OPERATIONS BY REQUIRING OBSERVERS OR THE
PLACEMENT ABOARD THE FOREIGN CRAFT OF IDENTIFYING RADIO
DEVICES; (D) ALLOW SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WITHIN THE ZONE
ONLY WITH WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES;
(E) PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ACT INCLUDING
MAXIMUM \$100,000 FINE PER VESSEL; AND (F) DELIMIT TERRI-
TORIAL BOUNDARIES BETWEEN TUTUILA AND UPOLU AS THE "MEDIAN
LINE" MIDWAY BETWEEN THE TWO ISLANDS.

3. NEW ZEALAND MFA LEGAL DIVISION SAID BILL WAS "STANDARD"
BUT NOTED TO EMBOFF THAT GOWS HAD ABSOLUTELY NO MEANS AT
ITS DISPOSAL TO ENFORCE FOREIGN FISHING PROVISIONS. MFA
HAS PROMISED TO PROVIDE COPY OF BILL AND EMBASSY WILL
FORWARD TO DEPARTMENT. SELDEN

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